

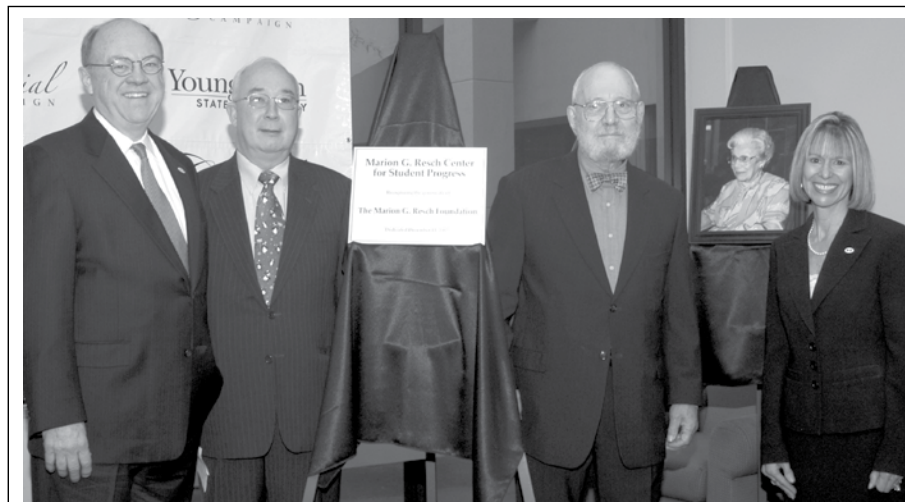
Stavich family gift

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and help distribute the scholarships. The YSU Foundation, with more than \$170 million in assets, provides in excess of \$5 million annually in scholarships to YSU students and supports a variety of other educational programs and endeavors at the university. The gift is part of YSU's \$43 million YSU Centennial Capital Campaign, the largest fund-raising effort in the university's history. The Stavich gift brings the campaign total to \$39.2 million.

The Stavich brothers built Calrex Corp. into one of the largest aluminum processors in the nation, supplying major customers such as Alcoa and Reynolds. In 1992, the company was sold. Today, Andrew is the only surviving brother.

Over the years, the Stavich family has donated to many causes, particularly the Campbell city schools. In addition to the purchase of equipment and funding for school facility improvements, the family has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships to students graduating from Campbell Memorial High School and attending YSU. In fact, more than 10 percent of the Campbell class of 2007 will never pay a penny for their college education thanks to the Stavich scholarships. ■



Resch Leadership Awards

From the left are YSU President David C. Sweet; James H. Sisek, a trustee of the Marion G. Resch Foundation and president of Butler Wick Trust Co.; George Pugh, chair of the Marion G. Resch Foundation Trustees; and Jonelle Beatrice, director of the Marion G. Resch Center for Student Progress, at a news conference announcing a gift of \$200,000 from the Marion G. Resch Foundation. The gift to YSU's Centennial Campaign creates the Resch Student Leadership Awards. With the gift, the Resch Foundation has now granted nearly \$1 million to YSU, mainly for student scholarships. Butler Wick Trust Co. – through its foundations, trusts, and clients – has facilitated grants in excess of \$5 million to YSU. In recognition of the gift, YSU's Center for Student Progress is being renamed The Marion G. Resch Center for Student

NEO recommends community college

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excellence, and pool resources to save money – among other recommendations – shows that the conversation on higher

education and the economy has fundamentally changed in the region and state.”

NEO report recommends community college in Valley

A community college should be established in the Mahoning Valley, according to the Northeast Ohio Universities Collaboration and Innovation Study Commission.

The Commission, in a report released this month, recommends that the college be created as a partnership of YSU, Kent State University, Jefferson Community College, career and technical centers, and school districts. The report suggests that YSU be the lead institution in forming the partnership.

“For more than a year, YSU has promoted the need for a community college in order for the Mahoning Valley to reach its educational and economic potential,”

YSU President David C. Sweet said. “It is gratifying that the Commission agrees, and we look forward to working with our partners to advance this effort.”

The 19-member commission was created in December 2006 by Ohio lawmakers to explore opportunities for collaboration among universities in Northeast Ohio.

The 58-page report also recommends that the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and Pharmacy, which is a partnership between YSU, Kent State, and the University of Akron, expand its BS/MD program to include Cleveland State University. The proposed expansion would not come at the expense

of existing student slots allocated to the three current partners.

The Commission's full report is available at http://www.neostudycommission.org/Final_Report.htm.

Meanwhile, Eric Fingerhut, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, is developing a 10-year strategic plan for higher education.

Fingerhut said the Commission's recommendations are an important first step. “The fact that the commission has recommended its public higher education institutions collaborate more, compete with each other less, establish centers of

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Stavich family donates \$2.7M, third largest for YSU

The Stavich Family Trust has donated \$2.7 million to the YSU Foundation to provide scholarships to students in Campbell.

The gift from the Stavich family, who owned Calrex Corp. in Campbell for 40 years, is the third largest in YSU's history and is part of the university's Centennial Capital Campaign.

“My father and my uncles all promoted the value of education and hard work throughout their lives,” said Alice Klempay, daughter of Steve Stavich. Steve, John, George and Andrew Stavich formed Calrex Corp. in 1952.

“They also demonstrated a strong allegiance to the city of Campbell,” Mrs. Klempay said. “We are pleased to make this gift to assist students to gain

their education, which is so necessary for a productive life.”

YSU Foundation President Reid Schmutz said: “This generous gift is yet

another indication of the Stavich family's long-held commitment to Campbell, YSU and the entire Mahoning Valley.”

The Stavich family established the scholarship fund in 1993. The fund provides about 20 to 25 scholarships per year to Campbell Memorial High School students to pay the cost of tuition not covered by other financial aid that students may receive. Students receiving the scholarships are identified by a committee, which selects students based on financial need, academic performance and community service.

The scholarship fund is being donated to the YSU Foundation, which will now hold the assets

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From the left are Donna Stavich, daughter of John Stavich; YSU President David C. Sweet; and Alice Klempay, daughter of Steve Stavich.

YSU, Winchester team for study abroad program

Cost is one of the major barriers that many YSU students face when considering studying abroad. The sticker price for some programs can be in the tens of thousands of dollars.

That is what makes YSU's new partnership with the University of Winchester in southern England so popular.

Students can attend Winchester for one semester, and the cost for tuition is only about \$1,000 more than what they would pay here at YSU, said Annette El-Hayek, international programs coordinator in the YSU Center for International Studies and Programs.

"It's the least expensive option that we have to study abroad in the English-speaking world," she said. "It's a wonderful opportunity, and students are taking advantage of it."

The University of Winchester, founded in 1840, enrolls 5,480 students and is located about an hour's train ride from London. YSU student Carly DeNicholas, a senior telecommunications major, studied at Winchester last fall – the first YSU student to participate in the new partnership. Four additional YSU students are attending Winchester during the spring semester, and El-Hayek said she hopes the numbers will continue to multiply.

The Winchester program is part of renewed efforts by the CISP to promote and

advise students about studying abroad. This academic year, more than 30 YSU students will participate in study abroad programs, which El-Hayek said is four times more than the previous academic year. She said her goal is to enroll 100 students in study abroad programs next academic year.

"I know what a difference it can make in a student's life," she said. "With a pool of 13,000 students, there's a lot of potential here at YSU."

The Winchester program was kick started last fall when Roger Richardson, director of international relations at the University of Winchester, visited YSU to promote the program.

Junior journalism major Elizabeth Boon, who attended a Study Abroad Fair in Kilcawley Center after hearing Richardson speak to her class, is one of the students enrolled at Winchester for the spring semester.

"I was very interested in going to England, but I was concerned about how expensive it was going to be," she said. "Annette assured me that this was an opportunity that I couldn't afford to miss out on. Living and attending school in a foreign country is going to be a great challenge for me, but I'm positive that it will be a good experience."

She added: "I feel that spending time in another part of the world is going to broaden my horizons, and I think that's definitely

important for me in my future role as a reporter."

For more information, contact the CISP at 330-941-2336 or visit <http://www.yosu.edu/cisp/>. For more information on the University of Winchester, visit <http://www.winchester.ac.uk/>. ■



YSU student Carly DeNicholas, a senior telecommunications major, on the campus of the University of Winchester in England. DeNicholas studied at Winchester last fall – the first YSU student to participate in a new partnership.

Center; The Chinese New Year will be celebrated Sunday, Feb. 3 at YSU.

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- "Higher education administrator" and "professor" make U.S. News' list of the 31 "best careers" for 2008, based on strong outlooks and high job satisfaction. "If you liked attending college, chances are you'll like working there, too," the report says. "Compared with most office environments, the surroundings are beautiful, the atmosphere intellectually stimulating, and the work hours more forgiving."
- YSU has become the second Northeast Ohio university to collaborate with the University of Akron Research Foundation to promote technology development and licensing in Northeast Ohio.
- Chad Wick, president and chief executive of the KnowledgeWorks Foundation, received an honorary degree at fall commencement in December in Beeghly Center. Fifty-eight associate degrees, 482 bachelor's degrees and 80 graduate degrees, including two doctorates in educational leadership, were awarded.
- Three YSU graduate students in the history department presented scholarly papers at the sixth annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities.
- The annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Breakfast is set for Jan. 24; The annual Game of Hope Charity Classic will be Jan. 26 in Beeghly

Faculty & Staff

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Paul R. Carr, assistant professor, Educational Foundations, Research, Technology and Leadership, presented a paper at the National Association for Multicultural Education in Baltimore in November with Darren E. Lund of the University of Calgary, entitled "Deconstructing Whiteness, Privilege, and Identity in Multicultural Education in Canada and the USA." Their recently published book, *The Great White North? Exploring Whiteness, Privilege and Identity in Education*, was nominated for the National Association for Multicultural Education's Philip C. Chinn Multicultural Book Award.

Ray Beiersdorfer, professor, Geological and Environmental Sciences, made the following presentations at the Qinhuaogdao Sino-American Summit on Science Education, July 1, 2007, Northeastern University at Qinhuaogdao, Qinhuaogdao, Hebei, China: "Using Humor to Promote Learning," with Sule Bertram; and "K-12 Partnerships: Outreach and Professional Development" with Pamela Guimond, Gary Lyon and Xiaoming Zhai.

James J. Carroll, professor, Physics and Astronomy, has been appointed as YSU's representative to the Universities Clean Energy Alliance of Ohio; he served as a reviewer for proposals to the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland, 2007; and he presented the seminar "Everything You Wanted to Know About Nuclear Isomers, but Were Afraid to Ask," for the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program, Army Research Laboratory, Adelphi, Maryland, July 2007.

Helene J. Sinnreich, director, Judaic and Holocaust Studies, gave an invited lecture in October at Union College entitled "And It Was Something We Didn't Talk About... The Rape of Jewish Women During the Holocaust." She also has a chapter entitled "Polish and Jewish Historiography of Jewish-Polish Relations During World War II" in the recently published book *Rethinking Poles and Jews*:

Troubled Past, Brighter Future. A Polish version will appear in 2008.

Jacqueline Clifton, housing coordinator, Housing & Residence Life, was awarded the Outstanding New Professional Award from the Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers.

Jacquelyn Daniel, annual giving coordinator, University Development, has been appointed to the Youngstown Human Relations Commission.

Steven Brown, professor, English, gave the keynote address "Research in Listening in Another Language: Past Successes and Future Possibilities" at Texas Tech University's Second Annual Conference on Language Learning and Teaching.

J. Rajendran Pandian, assistant professor, Management, published "An Exploratory Study of Internationalization Strategies of Malaysian and Taiwanese Firms" in *The International Journal of Emerging Markets*, Vol. 2, No. 3, 2007.

Gang Peng, assistant professor, Management, had published "New Product Development in Chinese SMEs – Key Success Factors from a Managerial Perspective" in *The International Journal of Emerging Markets*, Vol. 2, No. 2, 2007.

Frank X. Li, assistant professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering, presented "Electron Spin Resonance Imaging with AFM Using Near Field Microwave Techniques" at the 7th IEEE International Conference on Nanotechnology 2007, in Hong Kong.

Mustansir Mir, professor, Philosophy and Religious Studies, did the following in November: presented the paper "Characterization in the Qur'an" and chaired a panel on hermeneutical strategies in the Qur'an at the Qur'an: Text, Interpretation and Translation conference hosted by the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London in London,

England; presented the paper "Iqbal, a Poet of Tomorrow, a Poet of Today" at the Iqbal Conference hosted by Iqbal Academy Scandinavia in Copenhagen, Denmark; and was a panelist, via telephone, in a roundtable discussion on understanding the Qur'an on a "Voice of America" radio show hosted by Abida Ripley in Washington, D.C.

Shane V. Smith, assistant professor, Geological & Environmental Sciences, presented a paper co-authored by **Jeffrey C. Dick**, associate professor, Geological & Environmental Sciences, at the Geological Society of America annual meeting, entitled "Learning Geology by Doing Geology: Integrating Authentic Research and Field Investigations to Improve Students' Understanding of Geology." Smith also presented an invited colloquium to the Department of Geological Sciences at Ohio University entitled "Applying Columbia River Basalt Stratigraphy to Correlate Sedimentary Interbeds."

William Greenway, professor, English, has had the poem "Hotel Bed" published in *Freshwater* (2007): 25.

Weiqing Ge, assistant professor, Physical Therapy, presented "Resting Discharge of Paraspinal Muscle Spindles is Stable Under Deep Anesthesia Using Sodium Pentobarbital" at the 37th annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, held Nov. 3 to 7 in San Diego.

Amy Cossentino, assistant director, University Scholars & Honors Programs, presented "The Use of Focus Groups in the Assessment of the Honors Experience" at the 2007 National Collegiate Honors Council Conference in Denver.

Priscilla N. Gitimu, assistant professor, Human Ecology, presented the paper "Instruction Enhancement: The Learner-Initiated Instruction Strategy (LIIS)" in November 2007 at the International Textiles and Apparel Association Conference in Los Angeles. ■